TO PUBLISH BOOK ON THE LIFE OF CAPT. JOHN SMITH

The Jamestown Festival of 1957 celebrating the 350th anniversary of the settlement of the first permanent English colony in America focuses new attention on Captain John Smith. In June The University of North Carolina Press will publish for the Virginia Historical Society a book of unique historical and literary importance: "The Life of John Smith, English Soldier," by Henry Wharton, translated from the Latin by Dr. Laura Polanyi Striker. This important work, originally written in 1685, has never before been translated into English and published in book form. In addition to the translation, the book includes a study of Captain John Smith in seventheenth - century literature by Dr. Striker and an appendix by Richard Beale Davis of the University of Tenenssee recounting the early American interest in Wharton's manuscript.

Of all the great Elizabethan colonizers and explorers who gave lustre to that age, Captain John Smith (1579-1631) is probably the most controversial. The best known of the early settlers of Virginia he reached Virginia on April 26, 1607, landed at Jamestown on May 14, took part in the exploration of the James River up to the site of Richmond; he played such a prominent part in the Jamestown colony that he is acknowledged by many as the founder of Virginia.

In 1608 he set out on his famous exploration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, reaching the sites of Washington and Fredericksburg. In 1614 he explored North Virginia from the Penobscot to Cape Cod; he called the country "New England" and he assigned the name "Plymouth" to the mainland opposite Cape Cod. After three unsuccessful attempts to reach New England for purposes of settlement he offered in 1619 to pilot the Pilgrim Fathers but his offer was not accepted. As Admiral of New England he spent the rest of his life producing pamphlets, books, and maps designed to excite interest in the colonization of America, especially the part of it he had named New England.

His most famous book, "True Travels," written in 1630 and relating in detail both his adventures during his teens and early twenties in France, Holland, Hungary, and Turkey, and his later exploits in Virginia, has been the chief source for two centuries of a fierce controversy over his veracity. Henry Wharton (1664-1695), Anglican bishop and scholar, faced with the "John Smith veracity controvrsy," judged that Smith's renown was thwarted from the start in seventeenth-century England by his being a commoner in the aristocratic Virginia Company of London. Revaluating Smith's experiences, Wharton provides confirmation for the truth of many episodes that scholars have been inclined to doubt. Wharton's work has remained unpublished, a Latin manuscript in the Lambeth Library in London.

Since so much of the controversy about John Smith's integrity has hinged on his Hungarian adventures, it is singularly appropriate that Dr. Striker, a Hungarian scholar formerly of the University of Budapest, has both translated the Henry Wharton manuscript and contributed positive proof of John Smith's veracity. Her interest in Captain John Smith's seemingly incredible adventures in Hungary and Transylvania led to years of work in the ancient Magyar, Latin, Italian, and German sources. Allan Nevina, the eminent historian, commends her work on Henry Wharton's "The Life of John Smith, English Soldier" as follows: "Dr. Striker has performed a double service. She has rescued from forgotten lore an important English biographical work; and what is still more important, she has by skillful and indefatigable research proved that however incredible Captain John Smith's early adventures might seem, his story of them was true. She has made a gallant and romantic figure more impressive than ever. All who admire the first great Virginia hero are in her debt."

In his appendix Richard Beale Davis of the University of Tennessee relates an earlier unsuccessful attempt to publish this book in the United States. Francis Walker Gilmer, the friend of Thomas Jefferson, came across the Latin manuscript in England where he was searching for teachers for the new University of Virginia. In 1825 he obtained a copy but died before it. This copy we Virginia Historic but disappeared time of the exac in April 1865. M Virginia Historic made available to ing world on the of the Jamestow

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GROWING HANDS: a reflection for Easter

Since they're such small things, made of "sugar and spice and everything nice," you'd hardly think a little girl's hands could play such havoc.

They lose their mittens on the coldest days, and bake the muddiest mud pies, and dabble in the messiest water colors. They pick wild flowers where poison ivy grows, and sometimes they help Daddy by picking every bloom in his iris garden. They require quick treatment when they've twisted the cat's tail, and they're forever getting in the way when the car door is closed. They steal around a Daddy's neck as he leaves for the office — and leave breakfast jelly on his collar. They have forbidden dealings with matches, leave telephones "off the hook," stray into nail polish, and write on walls with lovely crayons.

And then, at the end of the day, a little girl puts her hands together before her face, and the mischiefs of the day are forgotten as she says in a small, sweet voice, "*Now I lay me down to sleep . . .*"

Those small hands will grow . . . wear a class ring . . . an engagement ring . . . a wedding ring. They'll move steadily through life — until one day they're stilled and laid gently one upon the other in rest. And at that time, there'll be nothing more precious you could have taught your child than the way to worship God.

This Easter — a time for awakening, for renewal, rebirth, rejuvenation — be glad you live in a free country. Be glad you live in the United States where God is not locked out, where no one criticizes you for worshipping Him . . . where you are not persecuted for teaching your children to place their hands together in prayer for Salvation. In this land of many freedoms, the greatest of them all is freedom of religion — for without this one priceless privilege, there would be no other freedoms.

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Garden Talk

By
By Edith P. Gregory
Appomattox Garden Club

Today, let's talk about commercial sprays and dusts that help control the pesky pests that attack our annual plants. Below is a list of materials, and the bug or disease it helps to combat.

1. Aramite: A non-poisonous miticide.
2. Araaan: A disinfectant for the treatment of seeds to safeguard against damping-off and other seed-borne diseases.
3. Bichloride or Mercury (deadly-poison!!): Soil disinfectant for crown rot. Dilute 1 to 1000.
4. Black leaf 40: Contact spray most effective against aphids.
5. Chlordane: Contact and stomach-poison spray or dust effective against ants, beetle grubs, leaf miners, thrips, etc.
6. DDT: Contact and stomach-poison spray or dust effective against beetles, borers, leaf miners and leafhoppers, thrips, etc.
7. Di-Mite: A miticide.
8. Fermate (Ferbam): An excellent fungicide, for anthracnose, botrytis blight, downy (not powdery) mildew, etc.
9. Lindane: A contact and stomach-poison spray for aphids, lace bugs, leaf miners, etc.
10. Malathion: A phosphate spray for mealybugs, mites, etc.
11. Metaldehyde: Stomach-poison for slugs.
12. Parathion: A spray for the control of mealybugs, mites, nematodes, and scale. (Not suitable for amateur, as a gas mask, gloves, and complete protection for the skin are necessary).
13. Rotenone: A contact and stomach-poison spray or dust, harmless to man.
14. Sulphur: A fungicide dust.
15. Tri-ogen: An all-purpose rose spray or dust which can safely be used on other garden flowers.

Controls aphids, beetles, red spiders, and diseases such as black spot and powdery mildew.

16. Wilson's O. K. Plant spray: A nicotine spray for the control of aphids, etc.

The above list was compiled in 1956. There are doubtless additional sprays and dusts on the market today, but these listed here are tried and true. If used according to directions on the packages, and used conscientiously and without let-up, pests will be eliminated and gardens will thrive.

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KNOW THE WEATHER
By E. H. Sims

Since the season of thunder storms is approaching, it is appropriate to look into the behavior of the cumulonimbus cloud, or thunderhead. It is the most active, and most dangerous, of all the clouds.

In the temperate zones thunderheads, which often feature a large anvil-like top, and which tower up to 30,000 to 40,000 feet, or higher, usually move from west to east. They bring with them heavy rain, and strong winds.

The leading edge of the cumulonimbus, far up above, can sometimes be seen spreading out (the anvil-top) as it moves in over the viewer. The lower edge is only minutes away when this stage is reached. Dangerous up and down drafts are known to exist in thunderheads; aircraft should avoid them whenever possible.

Beware of lightning to the west or northwest in the warm months; if seen in the east, the thunderhead producing it will usually pass you by. The sight of a thunderhead building up is an awesome one. Often the bottom of the storm will be only 600 or 800 feet from the ground.

Heavy rain usually comes in the first stage of the build-up, later lighter rain. More often than not, up-drafts are found under the leading edge of an active thunderhead. These storms are violent, though limited in size. Danger from lightning, below, is considerable.

GOOD ACT BACKFIRES

Oakland, Calif.- When a tire went flat, Edgar Ellis halted on the Eastshore freeway to fix it. Another motorist stopped to offer aid. And another. A fourth motorist hit the third, then careened across the dividing strip into an approaching car. Before it was all over, eight private automobiles, a police car and a police motorcycle were involved. Gas from a rammed tank set two cars on fire and two men were pulled from the burning machines. A patrolman, hurrying to the scene, skidded on a turn, was thrown out and bruised. After untangling the mess, police issued two tickets—for speeding.

FARM MACHINERY REPAIR CLASS NOW OPERATING IN PAMPLIN

A Farm Machinery Repair Class is now operating in the Pamplin School Shop, located to the rear of the Pamplin School. Mr. Everett Tibbs is instructor in charge of these classes. Classes run from 6:30 to 10 P. M. each Monday and Wednesday nights. At present fifteen members have joined the class, which has until this wek been operated only one night a week. Demonstrations on electric welding, arc welding, use of the drill press and use of the wood lathe have been given.

Any farmer in the area wishing to learn the basic principles of welding or other shop work to better enable him to care for and maintain his farm machinery is eligible to join this class. Dues are $1.50 per session and are payable upon enrollment. Any member n desiring may receive instruction in various phases of shop work, and may practice in the shop during class time. The Farm Machinery Repair Calss is instructed by Mr. Everett Tibbs under the general supervision of the County Vocational Agriculture Department for the Appomattox County School System.

"USE FULL CREDIT TO GET FULL FARM RETURNS"

Farm families in Campbell and Appomattox Counties who are using credit obtained through the Farmers Home Administration, are making efficient use of the funds and are maintaining a good repayment record, according to a report by the agency's county supervisor, Walter E. Trent.

Many farmers are using the loan funds to obtain higher grade livestock including dairy animals, to improve their pastures, to buy proper types and amounts of fertilizer, to buy equipment, and to finance similar steps toward better farming.

So far this fiscal year, or since June 30, 1956, farmers in Campbell and Appomattox Counties have repaid a total of $66,542.33 on all types of loans.

The Farmers Home Administration provides loans to farm better, buy or improve farms, build or repair farm buildings, improve soil and water conservation practices, meet emergency needs, or take care of certain refinancing problems, Mr. Trent said.

NEW BOAT STRANDED

Plattsmouth, Neb.- Figuring to the last detail, he thought, Cecil McKnight, high school instructor in industrial arts, built a boat in a small basement room at the Plattsburg High School. When the frame was complete, it was time for a trial run. Out the door went the boat and into the foyer, then—crunch! The boat wouldn't make a turn around a small offset in the foyer. Redfaced, McKnight took the boat back to the shop, to serve, for a time at least, as an object lesson that you can never be too sure of your figures.

TURF TOO HARD

Greenaburg, Pa.- Alcon Deitch, of Fox Chapel, and three of his friends were playing golf recently. On the nitnh hole, Deitch had a good drive which carried his ball within 75 yards of the green. For his pitch shot, Deitch selected a No. 9 iron but cut too deeply into the frozen turf and came up with a fractured right forearm.

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